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# SOVIETS CAPTURE 6 BIG TOWNS

## Pay Plenty or We Don't Produce, It Said:--

### Then Anaconda Sold U.S. Defective Wiring

By ART SHIELDS

Indifference to war production, and profiteering, lies behind the arrest of five officers of the Anaconda Cable & Wire Co. on fraud charges this week.

Anaconda has the typical business-as-usual attitude shown towards the war by the National Association of Manufacturers, of which it is a part.

The present indictment is the second prosecution of the cable company by the federal government within the last four months.

INDICTED FOUR MONTHS AGO

Four months ago the government indicted Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. and eight other firms on a charge of price fixing of war materials.

By these criminal practices the companies netted profits of 35 to 70 per cent on \$55,000,000 war sales, said Attorney General Biddle.

Now the charge is more serious. Five Anaconda officials are arrested on a charge of furnishing defective wiring

to the Army Signal Corps, that endangers soldiers' lives. They are accused of using trickery to fool the United States Government, as well as the Soviet Union, which first detected the shoddy stuff.

SOLDIERS ENDANGERED

Biddle correctly called this action—

"... one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors ever to come to the attention of the Department of Justice."

Anaconda showed its indifference to war production needs when it took part in a "sit down strike" of copper companies early in the war.

Anaconda and other big copper companies had held down production. They said they couldn't produce more at the Government's price of 12 cents a pound. The CIO union, whose members work the mines, said the company could. The union furnished a comprehensive production plan for

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Anaconda's Stooge



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### Big Allied Barrage Opens Up in Tunisia

## Offensive Rolls West and South

MOSCOW, Thursday, Dec. 24 (UP).—Soviet forces drove ahead 12 to 18 miles, captured six big towns and boosted German casualties to 79,600 yesterday on the Middle Don Front, where dispatches said they had scored a total break-through, thrusting into the Ukraine and harrying the Nazis in panicky retreat.

MOSCOW, Thursday, Dec. 24 (UP).—A special Soviet communique said today that the Red Army offensive on the Middle Don Front continues.

Soviet troops advanced between 12.4 and 18.6 miles yesterday. Six large populated places and two district centers were occupied during the advance.

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (UP).—The Red Army has scored a total breakthrough west of the middle Don, thrusting back into the Ukraine—"Bread basket of Russia"—and harrying the Germans in panicky retreat which Nazi airmen are trying to check by bombing their own troops, the Soviets reported tonight.

Front dispatches said the Germans were "fleeing in utter panic" in some sectors of the blizzard-lashed plains, while Soviet tank columns fanned out south and southwest and Soviet infantry rapidly filled the gaps between the wedges.

PIERCING UKRAINE RIM

The eastern border of the Ukraine was pierced when a Red Army assault force seized Popovka, 140 miles east of Kharkov, and the offensive later carried into the rich agricultural province at several other points, the report said.

The London Radio quoted Moscow as saying the northern half of the big bend of the Don between the Rostov-Voronezh railroad and the upper arm of the river now is in Soviet hands.

(The extremely reticent German High Command said merely that "heavy fighting on the central Don continues," and dealt only in brief generalities with other fighting in Russia.)

NAZIS BOMB OWN MEN

Pravda reported that German planes were bombing their own men in efforts to force them to stand and fight the Red Army, while the government organ Izvestia said that in at least one instance the Nazi commander of a vil-

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### CIO Wins 3-1 At Sperry Poll

## WLB Takes Steps To Speed Decisions

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The National War Labor Board announced two important steps to speed action on demands of workers for wage increases and adjustments of grievances.

WLB regional offices were granted authority to make final decisions on all voluntary wage increase cases involving less than 100 workers.

More than two-thirds of all voluntary wage increase cases have been in this category, it was pointed out, and consideration of all of them in Washington has swamped the Board with more cases than it could handle.

This move, effective at once, should ease the burden on the Board considerably.

The second step by WLB will take some time to put into operation.

Panels consisting of labor-management, management and public representatives will be set up in all major cities to hear all dispute cases involving workers and employers on the spot.

Regional panels decisions will be

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### Green Denounces Nazi Atrocities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Speaking for the American Federation of Labor, President William Green today denounced "the Nazi savagery toward the Jews as a crime against man and God."

Green's statement was prompted by recent disclosure by United Nations officials of the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe.

"At this season of the year," he said, "it is particularly fitting that men and women everywhere who cherish the principles of religion and humanity should join in voicing their complete condemnation of such Satanic cruelty.

"We are resolved that those responsible for such acts of infamy shall pay the penalty for their criminality by the time this war is over."

### Poletti Probes Vandalism

ALBANY, Dec. 23 (UP).—Governor Poletti ordered State police today to investigate complaints of destruction of Jewish religious property in Lake Placid and Saranac Lake.

Poletti, who said that other "similar outrages" have occurred in other parts of the State, added that the complaints were made by Rabbi Leopold Gutel, spiritual leader of the Jewish community of the Adirondack region congregations in Lake Placid, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake.

The Lake Placid synagogue, Rabbi Gutel told Poletti, was desecrated a short time ago by vandals.

"Great damage was done in the sanctuary of this synagogue," the Governor said. "The holy altar was violated. Religious articles were thrown on the floor and some were destroyed. Rabbi Gutel and others have likewise informed me that

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### U.S.-Mexico Sign First Trade Pact

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—The United States and Mexico today signed a reciprocal trade agreement, the first such pact between the two countries.

The treaty involves a long list of mutual tariff concessions, including an oil clause—regarded as the most important section—canceling quota restrictions on imports of Mexican crude and fuel oil and reducing the import duty from one-half to one-quarter cent a gallon.

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### Butter Hits \$1.25 in Detroit

## Foes of Farm Subsidy Would Send Food Prices Skyrocketing

By Mac Gordon

Detroit housewives are paying \$1.25 for a pound of butter, the United Press reports. In some sections of New York City this vital food is unobtainable at any price.

These are the symptoms of the growing chaos and confusion in our price-control and rationing program. Under continual and heavy attack from obstructionists and profit-as-usual food speculators, the program faces a smash-up unless drastic action is taken by the people.

News comes from Washington that the government's farm subsidy program is to be scrapped, at the insistence of the misnamed congressional "farm bloc" and the reactionary Congressmen of the "economy bloc."

The former have opposed them "in principle," the latter on grounds of economy."

Subsidies are granted in cases where the price ceiling for the consumer and the price floor for the farmer are so close together that the small dealer cannot make sufficient profit to remain in business. They are needed in relatively few cases, since frequently the price spread is big enough to make them unnecessary.

Leon Henderson predicted, some months ago, that unless there were subsidies, a few billion dollars would be added to the nation's food bill. This money would go chiefly into the pockets of the food monopoly.

Subsidies have been a principal butt of attack by the "farm bloc" and the "economy" congressman.

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### MacArthur Greets Workers on Xmas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, United Nations commander in the Southwest Pacific, has sent a Christmas message on behalf of his fighting men to the war workers of America thanking them for the "sinews of war that make our victory possible," the War Department disclosed today.

MacArthur's brief holiday greeting said:

"On this sacred day of Our Lord we, the soldiers on the firing line, give thanks to you soldiers on the production line for the sinews of war that make our victory possible.

"We are dedicating this Christmas Day to the defeat of our enemies, this Christmas Day, the day after and every day thereafter until we establish peace on earth and good will to men."

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### Allies Move on Buna Mission

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Dec. 23 (UP).—American and Australian troops have crossed the last two main water barriers protecting Japanese-held Buna Mission in New Guinea and are pushing ahead slowly, front dispatches reported tonight.

American forces, striking out of Buna village from the northwest, have made two crossings of Entrance Creek which flows between the Mission and the village.

To the southeast, a joint American-Australian force, led by 13-ton American-built General Stuart tanks, are consolidating positions on the west bank of Simeni Creek, which empties into the sea east of the Mission.

Thus the Japanese were squeezed between Allied pincers now only a little over a mile apart.

RAID JAPANESE BASE

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—British carrier-based planes, striking within 660 miles of Singapore, have raided Sabang, Japanese base of the northwestern tip of Sumatra, Dutch East Indies, the Admiralty announced today.

The communiqué said the planes touched off large explosions, followed by fires, blowing up a wharf known to have two gasoline tanks with a capacity of 4,000 tons. Other targets included a dry dock for ships up to 5,000 tons an airport, quays and electric cranes.

The planes took off Sunday night from naval forces operating in the

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### Yugoslavs Seize Mihailovitch Aide

Violent and bloody fighting at three points in northwestern Yugoslavia is reported by "Free Yugoslavia," radio of the Yugoslav People's Liberation Army, according to Intercontinent News.

The fighting bulletins, covering Dec. 17, 18 and 19, report offensives in the Sanski Most area of northwestern Bosnia, at Karlovac, a large town in western Croatia, and at Metilka, on the Dalmatian-Slovenian border.

In the Metilka fighting, the units of the 13th Croatian brigade of the People's Liberation Army took many prisoners, among them a Chetnik officer, Capt. Dobrivoje Vasilevic.

This officer admitted, during the interrogation, that he had been sent by Mihailovitch from Serbia to Slovenia to organize a detachment of the "Belgrade Guards," or "White Guards."

In Croatia, the units of the People's Liberation Army were reported only six miles from the town of Karlovac.

The basic reasons for the position to subsidies are:

(1) They keep the small marginal farmer in production; big commercial farm interests want to drive these farmers out in order to strengthen their monopoly of agriculture;

(2) They keep the independent dealer and processor in business; monopoly food interests want to drive him out;

(3) They hamstring the food market speculators because they keep the price spread down and farm prices stable.

The congress "farm bloc" speaks for the large farm interests that we establish peace on earth and good will to men."

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quarters are at Prijedor.

The enemy has suffered heavy losses and is bringing up reserves but soldiers of Yugoslav origin are refusing to fight for the Nazis, morale is very low.

Two enemy tanks and a bomber parked in a German airfield are reported damaged in guerrilla operations by the First Bosnian Corps.

Most of this fighting is along the Sana River, and is directed against enemy communications in the Sanski Most-Prijedor-Banja-Luka triangle.

One bridge over the river has been blasted, 300 officers and men killed, 350 Germans, Chetniks and Ustashi taken prisoner.

Among trophies captured were four German anti-tank guns, six mortars, one mountain gun and big supplies of ammunition.

The battles in this region, raging for several weeks now, are continuing.

## How Soviets Broke Through Middle Don

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (ICN).—The story of how the Soviet High Command knew all about the honeycombed Nazi defenses in the Middle Don, and how the Red Army enveloped the town of Boguchar in the Donets region, special correspondent, Capt. A. Mikhailov.

The Germans reached the central Don area last summer and spent all autumn fortifying their positions, planting mines. The heights were honeycombed with numerous firepoints with reinforced roofs. The defense zones were up to 15 kilometers deep. They consisted of two or three and sometimes four defense lines.

The Soviet command had all the information to this effect beforehand and considerable preparations were made for the offensive.

ARTILLERY HAVOC

An important role in the breach was played by the artillery which kept up its fire for a long time, shelling the German fortifications, demolishing anti-tank and anti-infantry obstacles, destroying fire points and mortar batteries.

When a rifle unit began to attack it was met with weak fire. The enemy retreated in panic. In the

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## Soviet Thrust Spreads

THE Soviet thrust pushing southward from the region of Kamenka seems to be spreading to the east and west of the main rail line to Rostov instead of pushing it pin-point fashion to the south.

The capture of Kamenka (which is NOT the Kamensk on the Donets, by the way) seemingly indicates a tendency to push toward the other railroad to the west—the one running from Kostroma to Voroshilovgrad. It might be the intention of the Soviet command to cut that second "rockade" line somewhere in the region of Starobelsk (this railroad is only about 20 miles away from Kamenka). Its cutting would prevent the Germans from shuttling reinforcements from the Orel, Kursk and Yelets fronts to their gravely menaced corridor between Rostov and Millerovo.

The spreading of the Soviet forces to east and west of the north-south railroad running to Rostov also seems to show that the Red Army intends to make its pincers stick and hold by making the ring a good and thick one. The Soviet High Command knows very well that the enemy is going to throw in his all to keep the corridor open and that fierce counter-blows are now being prepared by him.

At Stalingrad the Germans are still counter-attacking fiercely in the sector of Kotelnikov. Some people do not see why they should do this when their situation is so precarious hundreds of miles in their own rear. Here it must not be forgotten that Hitler in his last speech said that "no force on earth" would dislodge him from Stalingrad. Therefore, the continued presence of German forces at Stalingrad is a matter which far transcends the realm of military necessity. It is a question of world prestige, because failure to live up to his solemn promise might "ruin" Hitler in the eyes of the entire world, including his friends both across the fence and this side of it. This

**On the War Fronts**

## By a Veteran Commander

is why there is little chance that the Germans will give up at Stalingrad except in extremis.

So far (in seven days) the enemy on the middle Don has lost: 20,000 prisoners, 108 tanks, 1,737 guns, 6,935 lorries, 5,500 horses and 82 dumps.

THE great number of supply dumps captured by the Red Army shows rather conclusively that the Germans intended to spend the winter in the Don valley and that the Soviet troops have ripped into the enemy deep rear, organized for good and for a long stay.

Red Army offensives continue on the Rzhev and Velikiye Luki fronts, although the tempo has been slowed, which is perfectly natural, the main effort at present being applied in the Don bend.

Answering the lies of the German propaganda, the Soviet Information Bureau has categorically stated that nowhere on the front were there any encircled Soviet army groups, and this includes the region "between Toropet and Kalinin."

IN TUNISIA some French troops are fighting their way toward Sousse with the object of preventing Rommel from entering Tunisia from the east. It is doubtful that they will be able to achieve their purpose unless very strongly reinforced by British and American troops.

Entry into Tunisia seems to be Rommel's main objective and it is to be expected that he will crash in with all his forces and that it will be no easy matter to stop him.

The RAF has bombed Munich as part of the general scheme to disrupt railroad communications between Germany and Italy.

In the Far East Allied and Japanese air forces are trading blows: the Allies bombed Akyab and Lashio (Burma), while the Japanese attacked Calcutta with a nuisance raid.

Nothing of importance to report from the other fronts.

## Rommel Plays For Time in North Africa

By M. Tolchenov

(Correspondent for "Red Star")

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—It is clear now that Hitler does not count on holding the Tunis territory for a long time, or, what is even less probable, on capturing the initiative in the operations in the southwestern Mediterranean.

The presence of hundreds of thousands of Anglo-American troops, the vast quantities of equipment and the favorable positions occupied by the Allies which permit them to gradually hem in the Axis troops from two sides—all this compels the enemy to refrain from any offensive operations in Africa.

The Germans are now forced to direct their attention to the defense of the tremendous territories under their control in southern Europe.

The important thing for them is to slacken the pace of the Anglo-American offensive and to delay the inevitable moment when the whole African coast will be in Allied hands and may be utilized as a base for invading Europe.

Consequently the main aim of the German command at present is to gain the necessary time for organizing its defense.

The inadequate support for the Allied troops from the air was one of the reasons which enabled the enemy to stem their advance.

The further success of the Anglo-American forces and the tempo of their offensive depend on the speed with which the Allied command will be able to increase its fighter craft, create an extensive network of airfields, and win air supremacy on this front.

The military operations in Tunis are approaching a decisive stage. Both sides are energetically preparing for the forthcoming battles.

The Germans have obviously decided to exert every effort to retain their positions in Tunis and have left in the district of El Aghila Italian troops to slow down the advance of the Eighth British Army.

But to avoid a smash up of their man power the Axis command has ordered a general retreat.

The retreat of the Axis troops from El Aghila has cleared the way to Tripolitania for the Eighth British Army.

Nevertheless even with weak enemy resistance we must not expect a very high tempo in the British advance.

The enemy troops may halt and make a stand in Misurata. East of Misurata is a completely open, salt-marsh plateau which complicates the attackers' struggle for this oasis.

But the battles for this district will create a real menace to the rear of the Italo-German troops in Tunis. The Allied air forces based on Libyan airfields are already taking an active part in the struggle for Tunis.

As the distance between the First and Eighth Armies diminished they will tighten the ring around the enemy troops.

## Norwegians Kill 150 Hitlerites

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (ICN)—A detachment of Norwegian guerrillas together with a group of engineers blew up a German barracks, office buildings and fortifications in the harbor of Boda. One hundred fifty Hitlerites were killed in the explosion.

## Soviet Farmers Raise Huge Funds for Tanks

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Soviet collective farmers aren't satisfied with raising more vegetables and cotton. They insist on producing tanks and planes, too.

Idea started with a woman at the "Put K Sotsializmu" farm in the Moscow region Nadya Maksimova, collective farmer, proposed to raise money to build a tank.

Her farm was first in the Lenin district of the Moscow region to finish its field work and turn in all grain obligations to the government.

### IDEA SPREADS

Not only was her proposal adopted, but it took hold so hard that the idea spread like wildfire. It was decided to have a whole tank column, to be called the "Moscow Kolchoniks." More than five million rubles was raised in two districts of the Moscow region.

Ferapont Golovaty had given his life savings—100,000 rubles—for the building of Soviet war planes, part of a great movement going on among the collective farms to help build the Red Army fund.

His telegram to Stalin reads:

"I sent my two sons off to the front with the fatherly advice that they should show no mercy to the German invaders. On my part, I promised the children to help by selfless labor in the rear."

"Having learned of your telegram to Stalin reads:

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"We are deeply stirred to learn that you are going to give a plane," the letter said. "Our Command has decided that your plane is to be piloted by Hero of the Soviet Union Major Vasili Shishkin. Your plane will be in reliable hands. He is reliable toward the enemy."

"Everything that I earned by dint of honest labor on the collective farm I have contributed to the Red Army Fund. On Dec. 15 I deposited 100,000 rubles with the State Bank and offered a war plane as a gift to the defenders of our country."

"Let my fighting machine bring destruction to the German invaders."

"Let it bring death to those who are humiliating our brothers and the innocent Soviet people," Stalin replied.

"Thank you, Ferapont Golovaty, for your solicitude for the Red Army and its Air Force. The Red Army will not forget that you gave all your savings to build a fighting plane. Please accept my greetings."

"J. STALIN."

## Leningrad Workers Get Soviet Awards

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (ICN)—A war plant in Leningrad opened a new department run by wives of Red Army men and young women workers. They got things going in record time.

In another Leningrad plant the workers topped the November member plan, by 10 percent.

A clothing artel which produces both for the front and for the city's civilian needs also went way ahead of its plan. The artel's workers swear they'll turn out 1,000,000 rubles worth over and above their plan by the end of the year.

At the same time that Leningrad's production workers turned out materiel for front and rear, their fortifications builders erected powerful defenses.

"The ring of defenses now surrounding Leningrad," said Frayda, in a recent article, "stretches for thousands of miles."

"It has powerful fortifications, firepoints, embrasures, barricades and anti-tank pits. Leningrad is now an impregnable fortress."

"The fortifications builders have fulfilled their duty. Like a powerful bastion the great city of Lenin has blocked the way to the Hitler hordes."

For the successful building of defense fortifications around Leningrad, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has awarded medals to over 400 working people, and to the engineering and technical troops of the Leningrad front.

### PILOTS GRATEFUL

Down on the Stalingrad front, the Red Airmen heard about it and wrote the Saratov farmers a letter.

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Bay of Bengal and all returned.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UP)—British planes bombed the strategic Japanese base of Akyab in western Burma last night for the third time in two days as the RAF stepped up its offensive to soften enemy defenses for invasion forces driving southward.

There was no further word of the ground troops, last reported less than 45 miles north of Akyab.

Meanwhile, Major Shishkin, pilot of the first plane contributed, went to visit the "Signal Revolution" farm—the first to give a plane to the Red Army—to report on the plane's initial month's fighting.

He told them that the subdivision which their plane was a member of had brought down 13 enemy planes in that period.

"Your plane is a fine one and has become the terror of the Fascists," he told them.

Stalin sent a telegram to the Communist Party secretary of the Saratov region and asked him to give congratulations to the farmers there.

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## British Labor Wins Probe of Plane Output

LONDON, Dec. 23 (ALN).—In response to vigorous demands from shop stewards and labor-management committees, Sir Stafford Cripps, newly-appointed Minister of Aircraft Production, this week set up a special board to investigate production in the aircraft industry. Allied Labor News reports.

One of the three members of the board is Frank Chappell, national organizer of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. Others are Sir Charles Bruce Gardner and Elsie Shaw, chief women's supervisor at the important Vickers-Armstrong plant.

Engineering trade unions have long charged that production of planes is being held up by wastage of raw materials, machine tools and manpower due to inefficient control of the industry by a few monopolistic firms, which also dominate the Ministry of Aircraft Production. Controller-General of Vickers-Armstrong.

In its investigation of these charges, the new board will consult joint production committees, technicians, and trade unions. It will also inquire into working conditions, which in many plants are said to have held up output.

Concurrently with the board's investigation, Sir Stafford Cripps will make his own survey of the basic structure of the aircraft industry.

For this reason, workers do not share the view of most political commentators that Cripps, in being transferred from the office of Lord Privy Seal to the Aircraft Ministry, has been "demoted." He is now in a position to do a job of immediate value to the war effort, they feel.

## 'We Wish That This Gold...'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 23.—Gold miners of Santa Rosa made a gift of freshly mined gold metal to their "Soviet brothers" at a recent meeting, it is reported here.

These are the workers who wash the gold, and they are known throughout Chile for the unimaginable misery under which they live.

"We have collected 18 4/10 grams of metal," the statement of their union leaders says.

"We wish that this gold which we mine, the cause of much misery, should on this occasion—though our offer is small and modest—serve the struggle against fascism as proof that we workers understand the sacrifice of our Soviet brothers. We wish them a speedy victory."

Because of the lack of sufficient information, Browder made certain incorrect affirmation about such intervention, whereupon the Secretary of State called the secretary of the CP for an interview in order to remove whatever possible doubt existed.

Browder responded to this gesture by recognizing his error and making public the words of Sumner Welles.

So much for the procedure. But there is still something more important. Thanks to this small incident, the U. S. Government had the opportunity to formulate several statements which, beside removing any possible doubts as regards the sincerity of its democratic attitude, show the way to all governments and powers who truly desire the defeat of Nazi-fascism.

The civil strife in China, at all times unfortunate, would be especially unfortunate at a time when China is engaged in a desperate struggle of self-defense against an armed invader" were the words expressing its opinion.

And that is an advice given by the State Department of the U. S. to Chiang Kai-shek.

"The State Department in Washington," it states further, "has at all times taken the position, both in diplomatic contexts and publicly, that the United States favors 'complete unity' among the Chinese people and all groups or organizations

## Axis Troops Head for Mareth



## Late Bulletins On Foreign Developments

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Allied bombers crossed the English Channel in daylight today for new raids on occupied Europe after night raiders set fire to two ships and shot up trains along a 275-mile stretch of Holland, Belgium and France.

Coastal command Hampden and Lockheed Hudson bombers last night hit and set fire to two medium-sized supply ships off Holland, the Air Ministry announced. One plane was lost.

Fighters and fighter-bombers raked railway targets in France, Holland and Belgium last night, damaging many locomotives.

CHINA

WITH U. S. AIR FORCES IN CHINA, Dec. 23 (Delayed) (UP).—Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault was decorated today with the Distinguished Service Medal.

Chennault, commanding U. S. Air Forces in China, won praise for his appreciation and understanding of Chinese problems which has resulted in a high degree of good will between army forces and the Chinese people.

CUBA

HAVANA, Dec. 23 (UP).



## WLB Grants Pay Rise to News Drivers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The War Labor Board ordered a \$5 a week increase for about 3,000 newspaper delivery employees in New York today.

The Board approved the award of a two-man arbitration board in the dispute between the Mail Delivers Union and the Publishers Association of New York. The arbitrators were Arthur S. Meyer and Fred C. Croton.

The wage increase retroactive to July 1, 1942, will continue for the duration of the contract which will result from the arbitration award.

### CITES LIVING COSTS

In recommending the increase, the arbitrators found that "an increase in wages is necessary in order to correct the maladjustment resulting from rises in the cost of living."

They pointed out that New York's newspaper delivery workers have had only a two per cent increase in wages since Dec. 14, and that the \$5 increase will come within the 15 per cent Little Steel formula.

Even with the \$5 raise the delivery men will still be receiving less than the wages paid for comparable

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final except in certain cases where appeals will be permitted, procedure of which will be announced later. WLB also will reserve the right to review cases on its motion.

Complete operation of this plan will make the 12-man WLB in Washington a "supreme court" hearing for the most part appeals from regional panels and industry commissions.

The Board in Washington will assume original jurisdiction only in cases of national importance or involving national or major policy issues.

### SPEEDING UP CASES

George W. Taylor, acting WLB Chairman, explained the Board's decentralization program to speed up action on cases as follows:

"The goal towards which the Board is aiming in its decentralization program is a simplified procedure under which Mary Jones, who sits behind a counter in a department store, and Harry Miller, who handles a machine in a war factory, can get quick action on the requests of their employers or unions for wage or salary adjustments."

Unions have been urging the

Board to speed up its procedures for some time, pointing out that long delays have been injuring production morale and resulting in sporadic strikes.

The United Automobile Workers and the United Electrical and Radio Workers have been the latest to call on the Board for remedial steps.

Labor observers point out, however, that the decentralization program must have adequately staffed WLB regional offices. Additional funds therefore will be required from Congress.

One important step proposed by the WLB would be to give WLB immediate jurisdiction as soon as a dispute arises. Sometimes months are wasted while officials of the United States Conciliation Service try to bring the parties together.

Another proposal favored by the WLB and other unions is stabilization of wages and working conditions on an industry-wide basis.

WLB has taken steps in this direction by setting up five industry-wide labor-management-public commissions to handle all disputes arising in non-ferrous metals, northwestern lumber, New York milk drivers, Detroit Tool and Die and the trucking industry.

### Flower Exhibit Opens

The annual Christmas exhibit of the season's flowers are on exhibition in the Greenhouse in Prospect Park at Prospect Park West and 9th Street, Brooklyn.

## Active Partners

### Earlier Deadline

An appreciative note is due to all those who rose to the emergency during the strike last week, and saw to it that the Daily Worker reached the people. Although the strike was in no way directed against our paper, regular deliveries were suspended. In every section of the city the circulation was maintained and doubled during the days of the strike. Jack Martin of the Circulation Department proved a tireless, effective and resourceful worker during this emergency. Others, like Murray Mills of the 3rd AD Bronx, Dave Rosenburg of the Industrial Division, and Janet Taylor of the 3-5 AD Manhattan, more than earned special mention. Congratulations to these and to the scores and hundreds of other comrades who did noble work.

This new Press campaign is now under way, and will extend until Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12. In New York State we are out for 10,000 new mail subscriptions, and an increase of 5,000 in the weekly bundles. This will bring the circulation of THE WORKER to over 50,000 in our various sections. The conspicuous successes scored by the Bronx in the recent period have been due in part to the ability of Bob Appel. We are fortunate in having him assume the post of Circulation Manager of the Daily Worker and The Worker.

### LITTLE LEFTY

**THE NAZI SUBMARINE SUDDENLY DISCOVERING THAT FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON IT COULDN'T MOVE!! COULD NEITHER GO UP OR DOWN - BACKWARD OR FORWARD - NOWOW - THE ATTACKED MERCHANTMAN GETS SET FOR THE KILL -**



## U.S. Navy Aids British Casablanca Survivors



This dramatic moment was photographed as British seamen, whose craft was torpedoed during the invasion of Casablanca, Africa, were helped aboard a U. S. warship. The cold survivors were given a warm welcome by the American sailors who passed out cigarettes, food, and blankets to the rescued men.

This is an official U. S. Navy photo from News of the Day Newsreel. (Central Press)

## Anaconda Charged U. S. Plenty for Wire

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more output.

The union guaranteed lower operating costs in low grade ores provided the company operated.

President Philip Murray of the CIO joined Robinson in pressing the plan on the copper companies and the Government. The copper companies, however, "sat down" till they got a big price increase.

In January, 1942, the Government agreed to pay 17 cents a pound (instead of 12) for every pound over the amount produced in 1941.

### RISING PROFITS

In 1941, incidentally, the company's profits rose sharply over its 1940 total—on the basis of 12 cents a pound.

Robinson called the price increase "a complete victory for the deliberate sit down of the metal mining operators during the last year and a half."

The union leader continued:

"The refusal of the corporations to produce more necessary metals was a deliberate act on their part to force prices higher and win higher profits in the face of the nation's need for metals right now to prevent more Pearl Harbors and Wake Islands." And Philip Murray wrote President Roosevelt that the union had been the "only group to offer any concrete program to increase production of non-ferrous metals."

### BARE LABOR SPIES

Anaconda Copper Co.'s NAM ties and use of labor spies and tear gas were bared by the United States Senate Committee on Civil Liberties (the LaFollette Committee).

The company was subsidizing the NAM to the extent of \$8,000 a year in 1937, the last year of which the company had records of this work.

One of its officers was a member of the NAM board that same year. Anaconda also spent \$4,312.27 for tear gas in 1934 and \$8,162 for industrial detectives in 1935, and \$4,671 for the same purpose in 1936.

Anaconda controls nine newspapers in Montana and gets along well with Burton K. Wheeler, the American First Senator.

And as the biggest mining company in Chile it has long played a reactionary role in that South American land.

### NAZIS STUNNED

On all the sectors the enemy, driven by the surprise blows, was making a hasty retreat in motor vehicles.

Pursuit was possible only for mobile units, and the tanks coped with this task.

Frequently the units got ahead of the enemy units and suddenly appeared on their flanks or even in the rear, whereupon the enemy soldiers broke into panicky flight, abandoning equipment and armaments.

At the fortified lines and inhabited points the enemy tried to put up resistance to stem the advancing units. On one sector he counter-attacked with a few dozen tanks.

Permitting the enemy tanks to approach within close range, the artillermen under the command of Yegorov, opened heavy fire. The enemy retreated, leaving some 17 tanks on the battlefield.

### BLAST ENEMY TANKS

On an adjoining sector some two regiments of German infantry and a group of tanks tried to drive a wedge in a junction between the advancing units.

The WLB panel proposed that a three-man committee representing the union, the company and WLB shall take charge of upgrading and classifying the workers.

Those workers who are reclassified will get the wage increases which the committee finds they are entitled retroactive to Sept. 12, 1942.

Classifications made by the three-man committee shall also be used as the basis for distributing a five cent wage increase retroactive to April 12 to those workers eligible.

### WORLD TODAY!

James S. Allen covers the major events in the struggles for national independence throughout the world.

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## Farm Subsidy Foes Would Raise Prices

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Price and Rationing Boards have been instructed to examine new applications with extreme care and to grant supplemental rations to the absolute minimum.

A flat 10 per cent reduction in the amount of print paper to be used by each magazine published in 1943 as compared with 1942 has been recommended by the WPB to the magazine advisory committee.

The price agency yesterday decided that prices on pepper were "fair." The trade was trying to boost the price of spices.

"Workers Lose by Rising Prices" is the caption over a graphic chart appearing in the current issue of American Teacher, official organ of the American Federation of Teachers.

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This chaos in our food production and distribution programs has the people bewildered. The obstructionists are trying to take advantage of this bewilderment to turn the people against all price-control and rationing, thereby increasing the chaos.

There has been too little mass support for the forces that are fighting for an over-all price-control, rationing program, which should include farm subsidies.

There has been too little attempt to explain the issues to the farmers so that they, too, will join the fight.

If inflation, sky-high prices and food shortages hit the farmers equally with the rest of the population, and they will rally to the struggle against them if the labor movement, in particular, conducts the necessary struggle to make the matter clear to them.

The whole anti-inflation and war economy program of the Administration is involved in this fight for price control, rationing and farm subsidies.

The industry, through its advisory committee, responded readily to the WPB's suggestion of a "victory model" alarm clock. In the popular price class, the suggested "victory model" would be designed to use the least amount of copper and brass in movement parts, and a non-metal type case. Clock manufacturers at the meeting volunteered the services of their technicians in developing a victory model.

## Poletti Orders Probe of Vandalism

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the Jewish cemetery in Saranac Lake also has been desecrated . . .

"I am directing the State police to undertake an immediate and thorough investigation and to turn over to the District Attorney the evidence the State police uncover."

Declaring that religious freedom is a cornerstone of American democracy, Poletti said:

"Those who commit such atrocious acts are traitors to the ideals of our beloved nation. They betray democracy at home, while our men and women die for it in battle.

Holocaust and the Ku Klux Klan do not belong in America."

The Governor urged all law-enforcing officials throughout the State "to use every means at their command so that such un-American activities are stopped. All true Americans will cooperate with them."

Poletti did not specify where other destruction of Jewish religious property has occurred in other parts of the State.

## 5 WAACs Arrive in North Africa

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 22 (Delayed)—(UP)—Five WAACs were on duty with American fighting forces in North Africa today, the first members of their organization to reach this theater of operations.

The WAACs, attired in trim khaki uniforms which they must wear as long as they are in an active war zone, arrived from England. They had been flown to England disguised as civilians from the United States.

## Briefs on War Prices And Rationing

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food monopolists and speculators. That's why it is fighting the controls and obstructing price control.

The elimination of the subsidy plan will have serious effects. It will drive prices sky-high in some food products in order to enable small farmers and independent dealers to stay in business, in which case the monopolies and big farms will reap huge profits. If prices should be kept under control, it will drive the marginal farmer off the land, thereby cutting into vital food production and tightening the control of the food monopolies unless middlemen were eliminated.

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## Cloak Makers Prepare 'Victory Model' for 1943

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Production of alarm clocks may be re-

sumed early next year, according to

the prospects outlined yesterday in a conference of the non-jeweled

clock and watch industry advisory

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## Majors to Train Up North, May Set Back Opener

The entire spring training program of the major league baseball clubs faced drastic revisions today and possibility of postponement of the season's opening developed as five clubs planned a switch to conditioning sites close to home.

The New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and New

York Yankees followed a 24-hour-old move by the Brooklyn Dodgers, abandoning their 1943 Florida training camps to help curtail wartime transportation problems. The Philadelphia Athletics announced plans to train at Savannah, Ga., several days ago.

A letter from Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis requesting all major league clubs to arrange spring bases further north to accede to demand by ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman for less unessential travel in 1943 made the Giants cut loose from their Miami, Fla., camp and the Cardinals and Yankees simultaneously relinquished their St. Petersburg, Fla., headquarters.

The Dodgers gave up plans to train at West Palm Beach, Fla., for the same reason Monday.

Hence, if most of the clubs are to train close to or even on their own home territory, the opening of the season may have to set back two or three weeks. Such a possibility will be discussed at the February meetings of the major leagues.

Giants' Secretary Eddie Brannick also disclosed cancellation of 16 spring training games along the grapefruit circuit with the Cleveland Indians, a series that was to have been played in Miami, Clearwater and Jacksonville, Florida; Charleston and Columbia, S. C.; Richmond, Va., and Harrisburg, Pa.

Brannick said the Giants would do their early training in North Carolina and "finish up in New York City."

Sam Breadon and Ed Barrow, presidents of the Cardinals and Yankees, respectively, agreed to the change in a long distance telephone conversation. They have made plans to train their squads at some point outside of Texas, Florida and California, with Albany, Ga., under direct consideration.

The Yankees have trained at St. Petersburg for the last 10 years and the world champion Cardinals have used the same base since 1938. Breadon said that as a result of the shift, entirely new exhibition-game schedules—completed earlier this year—would have to be drawn up.

The plan to use service teams as

## Pucks and Passes . . .

The Boston Bruins clung to their two-point lead in the National Hockey League by coming from behind in the third period on goals by Mel Hill and Billy Taylor. Harvey Johnson sunk one for the Bruins at 11:04 and Murph Chamberlain registered the tying goal at 16:14.

Standings: W. L. T. P.

Boston	11	5	5	27
Toronto	11	7	3	25
Detroit	8	5	5	21
Chicago	8	6	4	20
Montreal	5	12	3	13
New York	4	12	2	10

## SCORES

Purdue 43, Washington University (St. Louis) 42. • Bowling Green 62, Heidelberg 41. • Manhattan 43, Syracuse 42. • Manhattan Beach Coast Guard 37, Brooklyn College 36. • Wisconsin 48, Oklahoma 37. • Midland 55, Omaha 40. • Camp Grant 41, Illinois 31. • Loyola 52, Chicago 36. • Muskingum 45, Youngstown 38. • Long Island Univ. 79, Springfield 50.

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## JOHNNY BORICAN

The tragic and sudden death of Johnny Boricam, one of the greatest natural athletes ever developed in the world leaves fans and friends alike, stunned.

This splendid Negro track star, called by many the greatest all-around athlete in history, passed away Tuesday night at the age of 29 after a ravaging and unknown disease had wasted him to only 110 pounds from his former robust 175 pounds which were spread magnificently over his six-foot frame.

Physicians have been unable to diagnose the malady although one doctor claimed it had come as a result of too much training in which the athlete had "burned himself out . . ."

Another doctor said Boricam was a victim of "pernicious anemia" a disease not unknown to many athletes.

But whatever the cause, the nation loses one of its most brilliant and distinguished athletes, a man respected on and off the cinder path as a great runner and a talented scholar and painter.

Johnny Boricam was one of those amazing runners who could win practically any race he set his mind to.

At the time of his death he held two world titles—1,000 yards indoors and 800 meters outdoors. In 1940 he captured the national pentathlon and decathlon crowns, the only athlete in the world to turn the trick in the same year.

The only title he never took was the mile and that was because he never trained for the distance and so in his only two attempts he was beaten.

But otherwise he was simply devastating on the track. He would run in any race at a moment's notice and win it easily with that wonderfully casual, long and powerful stride which was the envy of the track world. There wasn't a man in the world who could stand up against his blistering last lap sprint in which he opened up with his terrific burst of speed to clinch the race.

Breaking world records was his forte and he prob-

ably possesses more of those than any man in track history.

But Boricam was not only a magnificent track man—he was a wonderful basketball star, an ace outfielder in baseball and hard-hitting halfback in football. In short, there was practically nothing this splendid man couldn't do.

Johnny Boricam was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, where he spent most of his youth. He won many scholastic honors as well as athletic honors early in school. From high school he went to Temple University but illness forced him to quit. After a period of rest he attended Virginia State College where he was a three letter man. . . . From there he went to Columbia University where he received an M.A. and was in line for Ph.D.

Boricam was a talented painter whose oils brought high praise from art critics and painters alike and for some two years before his death had painted in a studio in New York City. . . .

When the Daily Worker writer saw Boricam last, some three months ago, there wasn't the slightest indication of illness and the great Negro star seemed to have no inkling of what was to come soon after.

The disease became apparent some nine weeks ago when Boricam began to lose weight rapidly. . . . Doctors were at a loss to diagnose the illness and soon Boricam, as Lou Gehrig before him, wasted away to a shadow of his former self.

The writer will long cherish the memories of Johnny's wonderful body tearing around the track at Madison Square Garden, winning race after race. He is beloved by all track people and millions of fans all over the country.

His death at the very peak of his magnificent life deprives the armed forces of a staunch fighter and a wonderful man.

He will be remembered for man; years long as free men engage in athletics the world over.

Nat Low

## Inquiry Into Chris Cagle's Death Begins

Police investigated today the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Christian K. (Red) Cagle, 37, former All-American football star at West Point.

Cagle died early yesterday morning at Physicians Hospital in Jackson Heights, Queens. The hospital reported tentatively that his death was due to pneumonia, but it was believed he had a fractured skull. An autopsy will be conducted today.

Cagle, who was employed by a New York insurance firm, collapsed Saturday evening in the lobby of the apartment house (35-13 75th St., Jackson Heights) where he lived with his wife and two children. He managed to make his way upstairs in a semi-conscious state, and, before he lost consciousness, mumbled to his wife that he had been "kicked in the head."

Earlier in the evening, Cagle had telephoned his wife to tell her he had been delayed but was on the way home. A while later, he was observed by tenants and employees of the apartment building slumped in a chair in the lobby in dazed condition.

It could not be immediately determined whether Cagle had been injured in a fall in the streets which were icy that night, or in some other accident or had been assaulted.

Defective Lieut. John D. Moffett said, "We cannot say he was assaulted."

The police reported that Cagle pointed to his forehead when he told his wife about being kicked in the head, but no marks were found on the front of his head. There was a cut on the back of his head.

Cagle was rushed to the hospital and for some time before his death was kept under an oxygen tent.

He was appointed to West Point from Louisiana in 1928. He won All-American honors while playing with the Army teams of 1927-28-29.

He captained the team in 1929, just before his graduation, his secret marriage to the former Marion Marwood Halle on Aug. 25, 1928, having been revealed.

Subsequently he was football coach at Mississippi A. & M. College and worked as bond salesman for a Louisiana concern. In 1930-32 he played pro football for the New York Giants and later had an interest in the Brooklyn football team.

foe, received the nod. . . . The next round of the tourney may have Jimmy Bivins and Ezard Charles mixing it up. Ezard is the rapidly rising Negro bantam who has compiled an imposing record against rather formidable opposition.

Tentatively scheduled for Feb. 8th, a Bivins - Charles match would be a natural, for both fighters can punch like hell. Bivins can not afford to lose this one, as it would probably knock him out of a New York match with Tami Mau-mau. . . . And we imagine that young Ezard Charles is kind of anxious to come East, and reap the harvests of Mike Jacob's promotions.

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## Through the Hoop

Among Southern California's basketball opponents, LIU enjoys a unique distinction. The Blackbirds are the Trojans only intersectional foemen who enjoy a record book advantage.

The Trojans won only one of the three played since 1938, but with a veteran team this year, expect to even the count when the teams meet again in the Garden on Monday night.

The Trojans' single victory was one of the most notable in Garden history, however, for their 57 to 49 triumph in 1939 broke a winning streak of 14 consecutive games.

Five members of that team will be back in the Garden on Monday, though sophomore additions to the squad have crowded into two of the starting places. Captain Ted Gossard and Alex Onalev, a six-foot, three-inch center, are seniors.

However, a new coach directs their activities. Ernie Holbrook, who succeeded Jack Hupp when the latter enlisted in the air corps.

Holbrook is one of Southern California's all-time basketball greats, the outstanding star of the Trojan teams from 1933 through 1935. For the past five seasons he has been coach at the Washington High School in Los Angeles.

His new pupils made a fast start

Just four days ago the papers raved unusually loud over the talented St. John's five, predicting a brilliant and unbeaten season for the Brooklyn Indians—today, Joe Lapchick and his boys are ruefully surveying the wreck of their season's plan. . . .

St. John's took a beating Tuesday night from Niagara, 46-40.

The Brooklyn gym, Harry Boyoff's 14 points went to no avail as the upstarts played a hard, fast-breaking game all night, the lead changing

sixes on less than eight times, the game being tied at 20-20 at half time. . . .

## College Hoop Results

Niagara 46, St. John's (N. Y.) 40.

Temple 49, Phila. Coast Guard 26.

Great Lakes 55, Glew View 32.

Albright 56, Cornell 29.

Southwestern 44, Springfield Tech 21.

Stanford 46, Santa Clara 44.

St. Mary's Naval Pre-flight 53, California 35.

Utah 45, Montana State 36.

## LOW DOWN -

Rounding Up the Sports News, Here, There, Everywhere

We understand there is a more lenient attitude in Washington now toward service boxers engaging in outside bouts, thanks to the heroism of Barney Ross and the excellent spirit displayed by virtually all service pugilists in training or on duty. Hence the negotiations to match Corporal Billy Conn and Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich (of the Coast Guard), for a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden in February.

Dan Parker, able and fearless sports columnist of the New York Daily Mirror, assured his readers yesterday that he would not accept a soon-to-be-vacated post on the New York Boxing Commission, although Governor-elect Thomas E. Dewey recently asked him if he could be interested. Parker explained: "What would I use for a punching bag if I were on the Boxing Commission myself?"

Although promoter Mike Jacobs staged no outdoor bouts in 1942, he enjoyed the most prosperous indoor season since he took over Madison Square Garden in 1937. He staged 29 shows this year, with a total attendance of 334,198 and a total gate of \$1,169,671. His shows averaged 11,524 fans and \$40,334. Last year he staged 23 Garden shows, drawing a total of 268,282 fans and \$784,732.

Did you know that Jim Figg, father of "modern" prize fighting, always had to defend his British championship with three weapons—the broadsword, fists and cudgels? When he defended against New Sutton at London on June 6, 1727, Figg drew first blood by slash-

## VETS BALL TONIGHT EVENT OF THE YEAR

We don't have to give too big a plug to the Annual Christmas Eve Ball of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade—anyone who is anyone knows that these boys are among the hardest hitting anti-fascists in the whole country. . . . They were bopping off fasts long before any one else. . . .

The Vets dance is usually the event of the year for progressives, but this year it promises to be bigger and better than ever before. . . .

. . . Dancing to the strains of Frank Walthers' band, such top-notch entertainment (\$2.20 and \$4.00 on Broadway) as the screamingly funny Zero Mostel and Ray Bolger—novelties by Pete Johnson and Albert Ammons, great Boogie-Woogie piano duo, singing by the famed Jericho Quintet and more songs by the famous harlequin, Wilbur Evans—and many more stars of stage and screen who cannot be named because of Hollywood affiliations. . . .

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ing Sutton on the shoulder with his sword. Then they fought with their fists and Jim battered Sutton to the platform in the fifth round and made him cry "enough!" Next they battled with cudgels—short, heavy clubs—and Figg broke Sutton's knee. Sutton had a dizzy day.

Lieut. Commander Jack Dempsey, former World Heavyweight Champion, said today that he and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, had parted friends, and the matter of a divorce is in the hands of his attorney.

"Hannah has left our Scarsdale home and

'Journey for Margaret': A Superb Film

# War Orphans Teach a Reporter How to Hate



ONE OF THE BEST WAR PICTURES YET: "Journey for Margaret," screen adaptation of W. L. White's book, tells the story of English war orphans brought from bomb-torn London to safety and security in America. At left, an air attack. Robert Young and Nigel Bruce, newspaper men, stand agast as they watch Nazi bombers

smash buildings all around them. Center, Robert Young ignores his own danger to help dig through mounds of rubble that were once a house. He rescues Billy Severn from death. Later, at an orphanage, he meets Margaret, played by 5-year-old Margaret O'Brien. Right, Young and Laraine Day return to America with Margaret and Billy.

## Three Men in a Bed

"HOW in hell can a guy win a war without sleep?" Pete turned over on his stomach and pulled the covers over his head. "Can the racket. I need some shut-eye." The Army cot swayed from side to side. The straw tick mattress crackled under Peter's weight. The rhythmic ticking of a clock, wasn't a clock at all, but the rain dripping through the unfinished attic roof and falling on the raw plank floor. "You're going to get lots of sleep from now on, pal," Irv said. "I'm getting out of this town quick."

Pete doubled up under the covers and enthusiastically scratched his leg. The sound of his nails scraping on the skin sent cold chills through Irv. He shuddered.

"Think I got him that time," Pete said. Then he threw the covers off him, turned over on his back and stared at Irv. "So you're taking a powder, eh Irv? So you're walking out. Well, maybe I can't blame you and maybe I can."

Irv continued throwing his work clothes and a few glad rags into an old cardboard suitcase. He said, "You can keep that damned army cot and the bugs that go with it. I'm fed up to the gills with three men sleeping in one bed in relays. He threw his pair of welder's gloves to Pete.

Pete bent over and picked them up from beside the cot. He blew one up. "Looks just like a cow's bottom," he said, dangling it out to Irv. He laughed. "Just like you. You look like something that you didn't."

Irv tensed. "Whatta you mean?" "Don't get sore, Irv," Pete said in a sarcastically quiet tone. "I only meant that you look like a man, but you're fooling people."

Irv bit hard. His cheeks rippled. "So you're going home and sit on your fanny and get fat. Well you can keep your lousy mits," Pete said. "I wouldn't touch anything that a welcher touched." He threw them across the room.

Irv walked over to the cot and looked down at Pete. His fists were clinched.

"GO AHEAD Irv," Pete said with out moving. "Beat the hell outta me. You got plenty of er?"



Drawing by FRED ELLIS  
"You can't do that," Sid said, "the plants need men bad."

strength. Maybe you can lay me up in a hospital for a couple of days and there'll be one man less on the production line tomorrow. Hitler's goin' to like that."

Irv raised his hand in a mock Nazi salute.

"Why don't you lay off and quit riding me," Irv asked. "You do what you wanna do and I'll do what I wanna do. I've got my rights."

"Sure you got your rights," Pete said. "But if everybody took a powdah around this town because the rump didn't itch on the right side, you wouldn't be keeping those rights very long."

Irv cracked his finger joints and went back to the job of packing. "Production. That's all you guys know. For the love of hell, how can you produce when you can't get a night sleep?"

Pete sat up and put his hand on his hip. "Dearie me, you can't get enough sleep." He clutched the wooden frame of the cot in his hand. "Whatta you think 70,000 other war workers are doing in this town, sleeping between satin covers?"

"Don't be nutty," Pete said to Sid. "Irv is glowing town. He doesn't feel it here anymore."

"You can't do that," Sid said. "The plants need men bad."

Pete laughed. "He figures he got his rights and if he wants to walk out, that's his business. Shell be with the war, he says. Irv's gotta get his beauty rest."

Pete picked up the leaflet and unrolled it. "This place is a bats heaven," he said, switching on a flashlight to read by. After a

## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Pres. Roosevelt Lights Washington Christmas Tree. All Stations. 4 P.M. . . . New School Drama Workshop in "The King of Nonnans," WNYC, 5 P.M. . . . Christmas Greetings from Our Forces in Alaska, WEAF, 6:45 P.M. . . . Civilians Hear Command Performance Sent to Armed Forces. All Stations 11 P.M. . . .

### News

A.M. 8:00-WAFB, WOR, WJZ, WABC

9:30-WOR

12:00-WEP

3:45-WNYC

6:30-WOR

9:30-WABC

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**Special**

P.M. 1:00-WOR—Christmas Greetings Across the Nation

4:00-All Stations—Pres. Roosevelt Lighting Christmas Tree

8:30-WABC—Symphony Concert

11:00-All Stations—Command Performance

**Name**

A.M. 8:00-WAFB—Abbott and Costello

8:20-Funny Bites, Frank Morgan

8:30-WABC—Goldminers Sing Cornish Christmas Carols

8:30-WABC—Rudolph Valentino

10:00-WAFB—Rudy Vallee

**Serious Music**

A.M. 9:15-WNYC—Symphonic Matinee

3:30-WABC—Christmas Music

7:00-WAFB—Metropolitan Review, Hodges

7:30-WABC—Waring's Victory

Tune Time

7:15-WABC—Harry James Band

8:35-WMCA—Jumpin Jive, Ralph Cooper

9:30-WABC—Victory Parade of Bands

10:30-WABC—Jazz University, Berlin

**Sweet and Hot**

A.M. 9:30-WJZ—Breakfast Club

12:00-WAFB—Lorraine

1:15-WABC—Army-Navy Game, Quiz

9:00-WABC—Major Bowes Amateur Hour

9:30-WABC—Stagedoor Canteen

10:15-WABC—Good Health Forum

**Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle**

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### Drama Serials

A.M. 9:45-WABC—The Victory Front

11:15-WOR—Vic and Sade

11:30-WAFB—Against the Storm

P.M. 8:00-WAFB

8:45-WNYC—The King of Nonnans

9:30-WABC—The Plot to Overthrow

Christmas, Corwin

9:30-WAFB—The Aldrich Family

10:30-WAFB—Dark Destiny

10:30-WABC—March of Time

**Sports**

P.M. 4:45-WAFB—Bill Stern

7:30-WOR—Stan Lomax

7:30-WABC—Bert Lee

**Commentators**

A.M. 10:00-WQXR—Lisa Sergio

P.M. 4:45-WZB—Lowell Thomas

7:30-WMCA—Johannes Steel

WOR—Confidentially Yours

10:00-WAFB—John H. Hughes

10:30-WQXR—Ethical Issues in the News, Black

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**War Programs**

A.M. 9:00-WQXR—Women at War

11:15-WQXR—U.S. Navy Program

10:45-WNYC—Let Us Forget

P.M. 1:15-WNYC—Wake Up, New York

2:45-WAFB—Treasury Star Parade

3:35-WNYC—Civilian Defense

4:30-WZB—U.S. War Department

5:30-WAFB—Army News from the Army Camps

10:15-WAFB—The First Line

10:30-WABC—Wings for Victory

**Women's Programs**

A.M. 8:45-WABC—Adelaide Hawley

9:00-WZB—Women of Tomorrow

11:15-WOR—Bessie Bechtle

P.M. 10:00-WAFB—Mary Margaret McBride

2:30-WOR—Martha Denney

**Forums and Talks**

A.M. 9:30-WNYC—Army-Navy Game, Quiz

9:30-WABC—Major Bowes Amateur Hour

10:30-WABC—Stagedoor Canteen

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